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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 82, 85-87, 90-101 and 104-115 and add new claims 116 – 142, as follows:

Claims 1 – 115 (Canceled)

116. (New) A continuous feed, multipart, multilayer form having detachable pin feed edges on each side sized to fit a pin feed impact printer for producing a postal envelope system, comprising:

A) each part of the multipart form including, in the following order:

I) a top sheet detachable from both pin feed edges;

II) an outgoing envelope front sheet detachable from both pin feeds edges;

III) a message sheet detachable from one pin feed edge and not attached to the other pin feed edge;

IV) a reply envelope front sheet not attached to either pin feed edge, the reply envelope front sheet including a bottom flap;

V) a reply envelope back sheet not attached to either pin feed edge and fastened on three sides to the reply envelope front sheet to form a reply envelope closable by folding the bottom flap; and

VI) an outgoing envelope back sheet detachable from both pin feed edges and fasted on four sides to the outgoing envelope front sheet to form a sealed outgoing envelope enclosing said reply envelope, said outgoing envelope back sheet having a tear strip across the bottom, through which the message sheet and reply envelope may be extracted; and

B) each part of the multipart form having the following aligned areas:

an outgoing envelope return address area, a reply envelope return address area and a postage permit area generally along the top of each part of the multipart form;

an outgoing envelope mail-to address area and a reply envelope mail-to address area generally along a right hand edge below the outgoing envelope return address, reply envelope return address and postage permit areas; and

a message area below the outgoing envelope return address, reply envelope return address and postage permit areas and generally to the left of the outgoing and reply envelope mail-to address areas; and

C) a series of coatings selectively applied to parts of the multipart form, including:

one or more coatings on a reverse side of the top sheet in the outgoing envelope return

address, postage permit and outgoing envelope mail-to address area to imprint outgoing envelope mail-to and return addresses and a postage permit on the face of the outgoing envelope when imprinted by the impact printer on the face of the top sheet;

one or more coatings on a reverse side of the outgoing envelope front sheet in the outgoing and reply envelope mail-to and return address areas and in the message area to imprint information related to the outgoing and reply envelope mail-to and return address areas and the message area on the face of the message sheet when imprinted by the impact printer on the face of the top sheet; and

one or more coatings on a reverse side of the message sheet in the reply envelope mail-to and return address areas to imprint the reply envelope mail-to and return addresses on the face of the reply envelope when imprinted by the impact printer on the face of the top sheet, so that information impact printed on top sheet produces an addressed and sealable reply envelope, and a message sheet, removably contained within a sealed and addressed outgoing envelope including a postage permit.

117. (New) The invention of claim 116, wherein each part of the multipart form has an aligned FIM area adjacent the postal permit area and the coatings further comprise:

one or more coatings on the reverse side of the message sheet in the FIM area to selectively produce an FIM mark on the return envelope if imprinted by the impact printer on the face of the top sheet.

118. (New) The invention of claim 117, wherein the flap interacts with one of the fastened sides of the outgoing envelope to properly position the reply envelope mail-to and return address, FIM and postal permit areas on the reply envelope.

119. (New) The invention of claim 116, wherein the flap interacts with one of the fastened sides of the outgoing envelope to properly position the reply envelope mail-to and return address, FIM and postal permit areas on the reply envelope.

120. (New) The invention of claim 116, wherein the message sheet further comprises:
a line of weakness so that a recipient of the outgoing envelope may conveniently separate the message sheet into
a record for the recipient including the address of a sender of the outgoing envelope and the message, and
a return portion sized to fit within the return envelope and including the address of the recipient .

121. (New) The invention of claim 120, wherein the message sheet further comprises:
a line of weakness so that a recipient of the outgoing envelope may conveniently separate the message sheet into
a record for the recipient including the mail-to address of the reply envelope, the message, and
a return portion sized to fit within the return envelope including the return address of the reply envelope.

122. (New) The invention of claim 116, wherein the message sheet further comprises:
a line of weakness so that a recipient of the outgoing envelope may conveniently separate the message sheet into
a record for the recipient including the mail-to address of the reply envelope, the message, and
a return portion sized to fit within the return envelope including the return address of the reply envelope.

123. (New) The invention of claim 116, wherein the message sheet further comprises:
a line of weakness so that a recipient of the outgoing envelope may conveniently separate the message sheet into
a record for the recipient including the mail-to address of the reply envelope and/or the return address of the outgoing envelope, the message, and

a return portion sized to fit within the return envelope including the mail-to address of the outgoing envelope and/or the return address of the reply envelope.

124. (New) The invention of claim 116, wherein the series of coatings further comprises:

a block out coating on the back of the reply envelope in the reply envelope mail-to address area improving machine readability of the mail-to address by increasing contrast on the face of the reply envelope between the mail-to address and surrounding portions of the mail-to address area.

125. (New) The invention of claim 124, wherein the block out coating is opaque.

126. (New) The invention of claim 124, wherein the block out coating is solid.

127. (New) The invention of claim 124, wherein the block out coating is dark.

128. (New) The invention of claim 124, wherein the series of coatings further comprises:

a security coating on at least a substantial portion of the back of the reply envelope outside of the reply envelope mail-to area to reduce visibility of contents of the reply envelope after the reply envelope has been mailed.

129. (New) The invention of claim 124, wherein the series of coatings further comprises:

a block out coating on the back of the reply envelope in the reply envelope return address area improving machine readability of the return address by increasing contrast on the face of the reply envelope between the return address and surrounding portions of the return address area.

130. (New) The invention of claim 129, wherein the block out coating is opaque.

131. (New) The invention of claim 129, wherein the block out coating is solid.
132. (New) The invention of claim 129, wherein the block out coating is dark.
133. (New) The invention of claim 129, wherein the series of coatings further comprises:
a security coating on at least a substantial portion of the back of the reply envelope outside of the reply envelope mail-to area to reduce visibility of contents of the reply envelope after the reply envelope has been mailed.
134. (New) The invention of claim 116, wherein the series of coatings further comprises:
one or more block out coatings on the back of the reply envelope in the reply envelope mail-to and return address areas improving machine readability of the mail-to and return address by increasing contrast on the face of the reply envelope between the mail-to and return addresses and surrounding portions of the mail-to and return address areas.
135. (New) The invention of claim 134, wherein the block out coating is opaque.
136. (New) The invention of claim 134, wherein the block out coating is solid.
137. (New) The invention of claim 134, wherein the block out coating is dark.
138. (New) The invention of claim 134, wherein the series of coatings further comprises:
a security coating on at least a substantial portion of the back of the reply envelope outside of the reply envelope mail-to area to reduce visibility of contents of the reply envelope after the reply envelope has been mailed.

139. (New) The invention of claim 117, wherein the series of coatings further comprises:
one or more coatings on the reverse side of the message sheet in the FIM area to selectively produce an FIM mark on the return envelope if imprinted by the impact printer on the face of the top sheet.

a block out coating on the back of the reply envelope in the reply envelope FIM area improving machine readability of the FIM mark by increasing contrast on the face of the reply envelope between the FIM mark and surrounding portions of the FIM area.

140. (New) The invention of claim 139, wherein the block out coating is opaque.

141. (New) The invention of claim 140, wherein the block out coating is solid.

142. (New) The invention of claim 141, wherein the block out coating is dark.